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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an information¹ charging Kern Haynes, a former Citizens Bank employee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and use of a computer in connection with bank fraud.

According to the information, from August 2006 through January 2007, Haynes participated in the theft of personal and account information of customers of Citizens Bank. That information was then passed from Haynes to other individuals who manufactured fraudulent photographic identification documents and counterfeit checks in the names of customers of the bank, using the photographs of "check-runners," individuals who then posed as customers of the banks and cashed fraudulent checks made payable to those customers or withdrew money from those customers' accounts.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
KERN HAYNES	Philadelphia, PA	24

Haynes faces a maximum sentence of sixty years imprisonment, including a two year mandatory term of imprisonment, five years supervised release, a \$4,000,000 fine, and a \$1,300 special assessment.

The case was jointly investigated by the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Secret Service. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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